

**REMARKS**

Claims 7, 9-12, 14, 16-19 and 25-30 have been canceled and claims 1, 2, 6, 8, 13, 15 and 24 have been amended to round out the scope of protection afforded the invention for reasons unrelated to patentability. Applicants reserve the right to pursue the original claims and other claims in this application and in other applications. Claims 1-6, 8, 13, 15 and 20-24 are pending in this application.

It is respectfully submitted that the claims of this case are in a condition for allowance and favorable action thereon is requested.

Respectfully submitted,



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